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This communication is responsive to the Information Disclosure Statement filed April 19, 2001 and Applicants' Request for Acknowledgement of the Cited Art faxed to the USPTO on June 26, 2001. The communication filed in June indicates that applicants never received an acknowledgement of an Information Disclosure Statement filed April 18, 2000. The IDS filed April 18, 2000 was considered by the Examiner prior to mailing the first action on the merits in October 2000. The PTO-326 indicates that a copy of the IDS should have been attached to that Office Action. Apparently applicants did not receive the copy. Applicants filed a second Information Disclosure Statement on January 23, 2001 which was duplicative of the IDS of April 18, 2000 except that the serial number for Matsuo was corrected. That IDS was considered by the Examiner on January 30, 2001. The Information Disclosure Statement filed April 19, 2001 is a copy of the IDS filed January 23, 2001. Copies of the three signed IDS submissions are being returned to applicants with this communication.

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